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LAKE COUNTY TO VOTE ON FOREST PRESERVE

GENERAL ELECTION APR. 1

If Vote is Affirmative, the Supervisors Will Constitute Board of Commissioners

Lake County citizens will be asked to vote at the general election April 1, 1919, on the question of organizing the county into a Forest Preserve District. If the majority vote "yes," then the Board of Supervisors will be constituted the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District, without extra pay. It will then be their duty to survey the park needs of the county, establish a plan and proceed gradually to the purchase of lands suitable for parks and forest preserves. These will be beach frontages on Lake Michigan, timbered areas along the banks of the Des Plaines river, open lands along the Skokie shores and waters of small lakes, such as Grass Lake and rolling areas in the southwestern part of the county.

Cook and De Page Counties have already organized under the State statute, and have proceeded to buy Cook County preserves come up to the Lake County line along the Skokie, the Des Plaines River, and Deer Grove. Nothing has been more popular than the preservation of these lands for public use, rather than exclusive privilege enjoyment.

If we wait before acquiring the desirable places, prices will go up so that they will be prohibitive, timber will be cut down and shore frontages privately acquired. The land desired is the most picturesque and valuable for recreation purposes, but it is the least productive for farming or building purposes.

This is the most beautiful county in the State—the County of Lakes.

We should have the vision to save some of its beauties before it is too late, and provide playgrounds for ourselves and our children while we can. The cost is trifling. In fact the tax limit is so low that not enough can be done. For \$1.00 or so a year in taxes, you can have the use and enjoyment of hundreds of acres of just the land you want to enjoy. The tax limit is one mill on the dollar of assessed valuation, which is one-third or less of the true value, so a man with a \$5,000.00 market value house might pay \$1.00 a year taxes for the use of the preserves. The bonding limit is one cent on the dollar, or on the present assessed valuation of Lake County, the tax would be \$25,000 a year, with a bonding limit of \$250,000, if the supervisors ultimately decide to purchase land to that value.

The beauty of the present statute is that it provides for the acquisition of timber and other scenic areas without allowing large sums to be spent on so called improvements. They are to be retained in their natural state, except to be made more accessible, and therefore the cost of their upkeep is minimized.

You go out in the woods now when you choose, but what of the day when there will be no more woods there and you have to pay somebody for the use of the grounds for picnics, or are cut off from the lakes by wire fences? Way out in the Rocky Mountains you will find Lake County automobiles, with picnickers seeking for camping grounds which they can't get at home.

Let's keep all of the outdoors we can. The rich man may own all of his own he needs, but the ordinary citizen doesn't. Work for the Forest Preserve.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Miss Lauretta Hoffman of Marshfield, Wis., spent last week at the Edward Eichler home on N. Second Street.

Mr. Len Reno who has been in the aviation service in France and Italy, has been ill for some time but at present is getting along nicely. He is staying at present with Mrs. W. M. Wright.

Leo Delhaye of Wilmette, formerly of this city, visited friends in Highland Park on Monday. He returned Saturday from France where he served in the construction department of the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Jessie Wilder of Deatur, Ill., was the week end guest of Miss Emma Evans.

CHICAGO-MILWAUKEE AIRPLANE LINE JUNE 1

Regular Passenger Service to Be Established Between Two Cities This Summer

The first air passenger and express service in the United States will be established between Milwaukee and Chicago by the Aero Navigation company of America, beginning June 1.

Hydroplanes carrying forty passengers will make the trip in forty minutes. The fare will be \$25 for the round trip.

Captain Benjamin B. Lispenner, until recently superintendent of the government air mail service, who established the line between Washington and New York, is at the head of the syndicate. After establishing the service between Milwaukee and Chicago, connections will be made with other cities.

Travel in Cabin

"The line will be the first passenger route in the United States," said Capt. Lispenner. "Contracts for the machines have been let. They are being built under my supervision and from my own designs, embodying the results of my experience. Passengers will be carried in an enclosed cabin, provided with all the conveniences of modern rail travel."

"At first one trip each way will be made morning and night. The service will be increased as fast as the patronage warrants. Only light, valuable express matter will be carried."

MISS MILDRED SHEAHEN LEAVES FOR CONVENT

Will Take up Studies at Loretto, Kentucky Where She Will Become Sister of Loretto

This week the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sheahan, Miss Mildred, one of Highland Park's most charming young women, has set out for Loretto, Ky., where she will become a sister of Loretto.

In joining an order of educators, Miss Sheahan will have an opportunity of making the best use of her many talents. She was a brilliant member of a brilliant graduating class, and in the months that have passed since she completed her studies, while enjoying keenly the social pleasures of the younger people in Highland Park, she has shown herself to be not only mentally gifted, but possessed of charming personality, which, joined to her attractive appearance and amiable disposition, have made her very popular.

Life holds a deeper significance than social gaiety, so this young lady has concluded that the best use she can make of her many gifts is to consecrate them to the service of the Master who has called her to follow him.

May success be her portion, is the wish of Miss Sheahan's many friends.—Contributed.

TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR NEXT MONTH

Do not forget to turn the clock one hour ahead when you go to bed on the last Saturday of March, for the daylight saving law goes into effect on the last Sunday of next month. The National War Garden Commission is getting inquiries from all over the country as to whether this law continues, so to set your mind at rest, here is the law:

"That two o'clock, ante-meridian of the last Sunday of March of each year shall be advanced one hour, and at 2 o'clock ante-meridian time of the last Sunday in October in each year the standard time in each zone shall be the mean astronomical time of the degree of longitude governing each zone, respectively."

CARD PARTY SATURDAY FOR LOCAL Y. W. C. A.

There will be a card party given Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15, in the Y. W. C. A. rooms for the benefit of the local association.

It is expected that bridge and five hundred will prove most popular. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are being sold by members of the Board of Directors. They may also be purchased at the door on Saturday. Everybody is invited to attend.

Memorial, a Nation-wide Issue

There is an agitation in Chicago now as well as in Highland Park on the question of a suitable memorial for the men in each locality who have given their lives in the service of their country. The same question is, without doubt, being agitated in every city, village and hamlet in the United States.

After the Civil War the country was liberally embellished with large decorative structures of marble, martial figures, equestrian statuary, soldiers, sailors, guns, with military insignia running throughout over every available surface like autumn leaves in a tapestry.

In every movement of this kind, especially in a case whose impetus is nation-wide, it is well to take up each suggestion and carry it to its ultimate and logical conclusion. Suppose, let us say, that every town and village in the United States adopt some variation of the marble shaft or sculptured group. It can readily be seen that the waste of time and labor would be incalculable in this period when "production" sets a premium on both. And moreover, a nation-wide expression in marble would, in nine cases out of ten, be a blot on the landscape and an offense to all those who have knowledge of, and regard for aesthetic values.

Next, the recreation park, entailing a large original cost and expensive upkeep, could be enjoyed only in the summer. Once again we face the problem of labor. We can scarcely afford to put men—ten or twenty of them—to the business of rolling and cutting acres of grass for public playgrounds and golf links. And suppose, again, this public park idea were carried out in every town in the United States, we should have literally an army of men side-tracked from the real business of production.

What about the hospital then? Here is a different matter. If we could conceive and realize a hospital for contagious disease in every town and hamlet in this country, we should have conceived and realized a great good to our people generally, and to the cause of humanity. But, in this matter, a different argument imposes itself. Above all things we want to be consistent. And there is nothing reasonable nor logical in the erection of a contagious hospital for the strong vigorous young men who will soon be returning to our midst. Many of them, no doubt, have seen all too much of hospitals in France, and such a monument to their fallen comrades would only succeed in arousing in them that ever-ready American sense of humor.

If we would be logical—if we would be consistent—let us see to it that our memorial for the dead be acceptable to their living comrades, for, inversely, in this way and this way only, can we be assured that our memorial will be acceptable to the dead.

MARY PICKFORD IN "THE EAGLE'S MATE"

Also Fox Sunshine Comedy, Matinee at 2:30. Wallace Reid to Appear in "The Dub"

The following films will be shown at Pearl Theatre next week:

Sunday, Kitty Gordon in "Adele," from Adele Bleneau's great novel, "The Nurse's Story," also a Vitagraph comedy; Monday, four or five acts of vaudeville, Emmy Wehlan in "Sylvia on a Spree," also a Keystone and Pathe comedy; Tuesday, Earle Williams in "The King of Diamonds," Pearl White in "The Lightning Raider," Wednesday, Clara Kimball Young in "Cheating Cheaters," Christie comedy and Allied War News; Thursday, Evelyn Nesbit and her son, Russell Thaw, in "I Want to Forget," Pathe news and Arbuckle comedy; Friday, Wallace Reid in "The Dub," Eddie Polo in "The Lure of the Circus," also Mutt and Jeff; Saturday, Mary Pickford in "The Eagle's Mate," Burton Holmes Travelogue, and Fox Sunshine comedy. Matinee at 2:30.

MRS. CUSHING LEFT \$212,000.00 ESTATE

Interest in Estate is to be Divided Equally Between Husband and Children

The will of the late Mrs. Cassie S. Cushing, whose death occurred December 22, was admitted to probate at Waukegan Monday. Mrs. Cushing was the wife of Frederick W. Cushing, owner of the Moraine Hotel, at Highland Park. The will disposes of an estate valued at \$212,000, of which \$200,000 is real estate.

The husband and Kenneth R. Smoot are named as executors.

To each of her daughters, Catherine and Margot, Mrs. Cushing leaves one-third of the income of the estate until they are 25 years old, when each is to receive one-third of the estate. The husband is to receive the interest of the remaining one-third of the estate as long as he lives when the estate is to be equally divided between the two daughters.

C. N. S. & M. CANNOT COLLECT EXTRA FARE

The Illinois Public Utilities Commission Friday denied the application of the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad Company for authority to charge passengers who failed to purchase tickets before they board the trains, an additional fare.

ALL MUST REGISTER TO ENTER DANCE HALL

Waukegan Council Acts to Bar Girls and Boys Under 18 From the Public Dances

Girls and boys under 18 years of age are to be barred from all public dance halls in Waukegan unless they are accompanied by their parent or guardian. To enforce this rule every person who attends a dance in the city in future will be obliged to register before being permitted to enter the hall. This is the plan that will be followed in that city in future by virtue of an amendment to the dance hall ordinance passed at the Monday night session of the city commission. The ordinance becomes effective within ten days after its publication. A penalty of from \$3 to \$25 is provided for violations.

Corporation Counsel Bulkley explained that the amendment was drafted at the request of the Girls' Protective Bureau.

The existing dance hall ordinance provides that girls under the age of 18 shall not attend public dances but difficulty has been encountered in enforcing this section because it has been impossible to check up on the girls.

Under the new ordinance a registration card must be signed by every person who attends a public dance. This card must contain the name and age of the dancer. These cards are to be kept open for inspection. If the dancer asserts that he or she is over 21 years of age it is not necessary to give the exact age. If under 21, however, the exact age must be given.

C. F. GRANT APPOINTED DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes May Be Paid at Highland Park State Bank as Soon as Books are Received

Mr. Charles F. Grant, cashier of the Highland Park State Bank, has been appointed deputy tax collector for Deerfield Township. Both real estate and personal property taxes may be paid at that bank as soon as the books are received from the county treasurer. This will be the first time that taxes are collected under the new law which does away with the office of township collector. The entire work of collecting taxes now falls upon the county treasurer who appoints deputies in the various townships. The county treasurer was wise in his selection of a deputy for this township, not only because Mr. Grant is most capable, but that the entire organization of the Highland Park State Bank is placed at his disposal to assist in doing the work in an efficient manner.

COMMUNITY HOUSE URGED BY HIGHLAND PARK WOMEN

IDEA ENDORSED AS THE MOST FITTING MEMORIAL

The Many Organizations Now Engaged in One Form or Another of Community Work Would All Find a Permanent Home Here

Editor of The Highland Park Press, Dear Sir:

The question of greatest interest and importance now before the city of Highland Park, is undoubtedly that of a fitting memorial to those of our boys who have made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. We, the undersigned, representing also many women whose names do not appear, feel that the question is of very special interest to the women of Highland Park.

Having served lovingly and faithfully within the limits of time and endurance, we feel that in no way can we better pay tribute to those who have laid down their lives in service than by honoring and serving those who will remain. They will come back to us enriching the community with their deep and wonderful experience, but needing very special thought and care on our part. By establishing a place and spirit which will give service to all men in the country's uniform who may come within reach of our hands and hearts for all time to come, we would best accomplish the purpose of a memorial.

Such a place would be the Community House, here, the Army and Navy Center, whose service is too far-reaching and precious to be estimated, would find an enlarged and permanent home.

There are now about twenty organizations in Highland Park engaged in one form or another of community work, or serving outside needs that would all find permanent homes here—notably the Y. W. C. A., the Woman's Club, the Good Comrades' Club, Girl and Boy Scouts, the new club being organized by Mrs. Pitt of the "Americanization" of our foreign-speaking neighbors, and many others. All of these organizations, together with the social life which must always be the root and core of a community center, will be of inestimable value to the Army and Navy Center itself by their proximity and influence.

No woman who has felt the thrill and satisfaction of the enlarged service which she has been permitted to render during the war, and who has had a vision of the need of these brothers in uniform can feel that the need has disappeared with the signing of the armistice. It will exist for us as long as the community lives.

Our men have dared, suffered, and many have died that "Democracy" might live on earth. Are these who return to us to find that the tiny beginning made in the stress and excitement of war is to remain a tiny beginning with no real root or lasting fibre?

The matter of ways for the building and maintaining of such a community house has been clearly laid before the people of Highland Park in a former issue of this paper. The fact that by taxation every property owner would become a part owner in the project, and that no matter how small that part might be, there could be no limit to his interest, the service he might render, or the benefits he might receive, is one of the great points in its favor. No good business man hesitates to incur indebtedness when the returns are sure. Should Highland Park hesitate when, with the spirit which actuates this movement, it is sure to bring an incalculable return in just exactly that thing for which the men whom we would thus honor fought and died?

Let it be repeated that this letter is a definite statement from the women of Highland Park herein represented of their approval of a community house as a fitting memorial to our men, and their desire for it as the best possible means by which their service in the past may be continued in the future.

- Mrs. Thomas Winston
- Mrs. Fayette S. Munro
- Mrs. John S. Reesman
- Mrs. Noble Crandall
- Mrs. Solomon St. Peter
- Mrs. Frank Laing
- Mrs. Joe Mooney
- Mrs. George Vetter
- Mrs. William Kopp
- Mrs. P. C. Wolcott
- Mrs. Frank Pitt
- Mrs. Carleton Vall
- Mrs. L. R. Rigdon
- Mrs. John McKenzie
- Mrs. O. H. Morgan
- Mrs. Francis Everett
- Mrs. Leon Forrest
- Miss Jane Floyd
- Miss Irene Floyd
- Miss Catherine Floyd
- Mrs. Chas. Everett
- Mrs. John Washburn
- Mrs. John L. Ullie
- Mrs. Eva Egan Truax
- Mrs. Wm. C. Egan
- Mrs. Clarence Thayer
- Mrs. A. Lawrence Mills
- Mrs. Elizabeth Kreuger
- Mrs. Alvar Bourneque
- Mrs. Lulu N. Moffett
- Miss Adele N. Everett
- Miss Charlotte Yoe
- Mrs. Ira J. Geer
- Miss Gertrude Chandler
- Mrs. John A. Putnam
- Miss Helen A. Wright
- Mrs. S. J. Holland
- Mrs. M. W. Searcy
- Mrs. W. J. Louderback
- Mrs. Alexander R. Carqueville
- Mrs. George Allan Mason
- Mrs. Chas. A. Winston

MRS. JANE GASTFIELD PASSES AWAY TUESDAY

Resident of this City for Past 40 Years. Funeral Services to Be Held Tomorrow

Mrs. Jane Gastfield, for forty years a resident of this community, died last Tuesday evening at nine o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Thomas, following an illness of several months' duration. She was born October 31, 1851, in Northfield. She leaves to survive her three daughters, Mrs. Corrine Thomas, Mrs. Luella Salyards, Mrs. Jennie Kelly, and one son, Mr. Charles L. Gastfield.

Funeral services will be held on Friday morning at ten o'clock at the United Evangelical church with Rev. C. G. Unanue officiating. Burial will be made in Northfield cemetery.

NORTH AMERICAN UNION WILL GIVE EUCHRE PARTY

The North American Union will give a euchre party on Wednesday evening, February nineteenth, in Masonic Hall. A most pleasant evening is assured. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

"BACK OF THE FRONT" BY BURTON HOLMES

Series of Travelogue Pictures to Open at Orchestra Hall on February 19th

Burton Holmes of Travelogue fame wishes it to be known that his coming series at Orchestra Hall Saturday, Feb. 19, is not devoted to the blood and thunder of battles nor the gruesome phases of military existence at the front, but deals more particularly with what a tourist sees in England, France and Italy today, if he were to accompany one of our American soldiers to all of the interesting spots now being visited by the Yanks en route from the seaports to the front. For twenty-six years Burton Holmes has been traveling in foreign lands, bringing back his impressions of what he saw in each country. This year he is doing exactly the same thing, only the countries visited by him are now in war-time dress and wherever the tourist turns or goes—if such a thing as a tourist exists in Europe today,—he now sees the "Yanks" in gaily numbered side by side with the Allied brothers-in-arms. Mr. Holmes will show the celebrated tourist (Continued on Page Five)